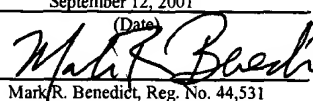


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced §371 U.S. national phase application filed herewith as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, please delete the phrase "Title of the invention"

On page 1, line 5, after the title and before the heading, "Field of the invention", please insert the following:

--Related Applications

This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application number PCT/EP00/02130, filed on March 10, 2000, which claims priority to European application number 99870046.2, filed on March 12, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

30. (Amended) The recombinant polynucleic acid of claim 21, wherein said plant-expressible promoter is the promoter of an endogenous germacrene A synthase gene.